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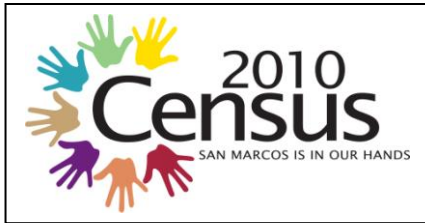
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Become a 2010 Census Partner

Census Committee Reaches Out to Organizations

Members of the San Marcos Census 2010 Complete Count Committee are available to speak to any organization or group interested in learning more about the 2010 Census.



The Committee has flyers available for distribution and will soon have small posters that can be placed where they will be visible to employees, customers, and clients.

Local business owner Arthur Taylor, a member of the San Marcos Census 2010 Complete Count Committee, spoke to the San Marcos Interagency Council recently regarding the importance of the 2010 Census.

Taylor stressed the need for all social service organizations share with their clients, employees, and family members the importance of being counted by completing and returning the census form.

Organizations are encouraged to become an official *2010 Census Partner* by completing a short application that lists various ways the organization can get involved. The application form can be downloaded from the Census link on the City of San Marcos' webpage www.sanmarcostx.gov.

The census form is short and available in many different languages. The most important thing for all citizens to know is



OUTREACH: Arthur Taylor, left, member of the San Marcos Complete Count Committee, visits with the Interagency Council on the importance of the 2010 Census to the community.

the *TEN-TEN-TEN Rule* --*Ten questions to answer, Ten minutes to complete the form, once every Ten years.* The forms will be mailed or delivered to each residence in February or March.

The personal information is kept completely confidential. The U. S. Census bureau is forbidden by law to share information with any person or government agency. The information cannot be given to police, the IRS, immigration officials, or homeland security. Nothing that identifies an individual is released for 72 years.

Agencies can reassure their clients that they have nothing to fear from honestly reporting who is living in their homes on April 1' 2010. Each year over \$400 billion dollars in federal funds are distributed across the nation to states and communities.

“San Marcos needs its share of those federal dollars, and we can do that by getting the majority of San Marcos residents to complete and return the census form,” Taylor said.

For more information or to schedule a visit from a Committee member, contact:

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